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1. HERewith FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, THURSDAY,
MAY 4, HEADED "VANCE JOINS CABINET LOBBYING FOR CIVIL
SERVICE BILL."

2. WASHINGTON, MAY 3--REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN J. SOLARZ, A
BROOKLYN DEMOCRAT, WAS AT A MEETING OF THE HOUSE INTERNA-
TIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHEN THE CALL CAME FROM SECRE-
TARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE.

3. "HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP TO AFRICA AND
MOSCOW," MR. SOLARZ SAID. "I WAS SUMMONED OUT OF MY COM-
MITTEE MEETING. HE TOLD ME WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE
NAMIBIA. THEN HE WENT ON TO DISCUSS HIS MEETING WITH THE
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PATRIOTIC FRONT IN DAR ES SALAAM. THEN HE FILLED ME IN
ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SALISBURY FOUR IN RHODESIA,
AND CONTINUED WITH A BRIEF REPORT ON SALT NEGOTIATIONS IN
MOSCOW.

4. "JUST AS I THOUGHT THE CONVERSATION MIGHT BE COMING TO
AN END, HE SAID THERE WAS ONE OTHER MATTER HE WANTED TO

DISCUSS WITH ME."

5. THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE CALL, IT TURNED OUT, WAS TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO LOBBY FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S CIVIL SERVICE REORGANIZATION BILL.

6. "HE SAID, YOU KNOW 30 PERCENT OF OUR EMPLOYEES ARE CIVIL SERVICE, AND THE LEGISLATION WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY HELPFUL TO US IN RUNNING THE DEPARTMENT MORE EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY," MR. SOLARZ RECALLED.

7. MR. VANCE ARRANGED FOR A GROUP OF ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION, AND THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION, TO MEET FOR A WORKING BRUNCH WITH MR. SOLARZ AT MR. SOLARZ'S HOME IN VIRGINIA.

8. "THEY GAVE ME A MUCH BETTER INSIGHT INTO SOME OF THE PERSONNEL PROBLEMS THAT THEY CONFRONT IN TRYING TO DO THEIR JOBS," MR. SOLARZ SAID. "I CERTAINLY CAME AWAY MORE SYMPATHETIC TO MANY ASPECTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL."

9. THE ENTIRE CABINET HAS BEEN ENLISTED TO LOBBY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL WITH THE CONGRESSMEN THEY DEAL WITH ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

10. THE MOST ACTIVE LOBBYISTS HAVE BEEN MR. VANCE; DEFENSE SECRETARY HAROLD BROWN, WHO LOBBIES THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES; TREASURY SECRETARY W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL, WHO LOBBIES THE FISCAL COMMITTEES; AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BOB BERGLAND, WHO LOBBIES MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES, AND TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY BROCK ADAMS, WHO LOBBIES THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEES.

11. IN ADDITION, ROBERT S. STRAUSS, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AND SPECIAL COUNSEL ON INFLATION, HAS BEEN LOBBYING CONGRESSMEN HE WORKED WITH WHEN HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

12. THE CABINET EFFORT WAS ENGINEERED BY HAMILTON JORDAN, THE PRESIDENT'S UNOFFICIAL CHIEF OF STAFF, WHO SAID THAT IT MAY BE EMPLOYED ON OTHER ISSUES.

13. ALAN CAMPBELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ENLISTED THE SUPPORT OF

CABINET CHAIRMEN AS LOBBYISTS AT A CABINET MEETING LAST WEEK.

14. "THE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT TO THE CABINET THAT CIVIL SERVICE REFORM WAS A MATTER THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT, AND SAID THAT EVERYONE WHO FELT IT WOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE BETTER ADMINISTRATION OF THEIR DEPARTMENT MIGHT WANT TO HELP," MR. CAMPBELL RECALLED.

15. "EVERY DEPARTMENT HAS A STAKE IN IT," MR. CAMPBELL CONTINUED. "EVERY CABINET OFFICER BELIEVES THAT THE CHANGES WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR HIM TO RUN HIS DEPARTMENT EFFICIENTLY."

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16. CABINET LOBBYING HAS SUPPLEMENTED AN INTENSIVE DRIVE FROM THE OVAL OFFICE, WHERE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MET WITH BOTH DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE LEGISLATION. THE PRESIDENT HAS CAMPAIGNED FOR CIVIL SERVICE REORGANIZATION AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCES, AND IT IS CONSIDERED A TOP PRIORITY ITEM FOR HIS WESTERN SWING LATER THIS WEEK.

17. HAS THE CABINET LOBBYING BEEN EFFECTIVE?

18. "I THINK IT WAS UNNECESSARY," SAID REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD J. DERWINSKI OF ILLINOIS, RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

19. "I THOUGHT IT WAS AN IMPOSITION ON POOR MR. VANCE, WHO HAD JUST COME BACK FROM A RUGGED AND NOT OVERLY SUCCESSFUL TRIP, TO SUDDENLY CALL MEMBERS AND SAY, "CAN (WORDS MISSING) FORM?"

20. "THE WHOLE THING SHOWS THE ADMINISTRATION'S AWKWARDNESS," HE SAID.

21. BUT MR. SOLARZ AND REPRESENTATIVE JAMES M. HANLEY, DEMOCRAT OF UPSTATE NEW YORK, THINK OTHERWISE.

22. "I THINK IT HELPED," SAID MR. HANLEY, WHO ADDED THAT HE SUPPORTED THE BILL, BUT WITH RESERVATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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